

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-8 and add new claims 9-16.

1. (Canceled)

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6. (Canceled)

7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)

9. (New)

A mixing faucet comprising:

a faucet body having a top surface, a bottom surface and left and right side surfaces;

a faucet spout attached to the faucet body, the faucet spout being rotatable about a vertical axis and extending upwards from the faucet body;

a valve spindle contained within the faucet body and extending downwards therefrom, the valve spindle being used to control the amount of fluid flowing through the faucet spout;

a pair of handle slides attached to the faucet body, the handle slides extending laterally from the faucet body; and

a projecting arm attached at a first end to the valve spindle and attached at a second end to each handle slide;

wherein, as each handle slide is moved from a first open position to a second closed position, the valve spindle is rotated from a first open position to a second closed position.

10. (New) The mixing faucet as described in Claim 9, wherein the left and right side surfaces of the faucet body are straight surfaces, and wherein the slide handles are mounted flush against the left and right side surfaces and move horizontally along the left and right side surfaces of the faucet body.

11. (New) The mixing faucet as described in Claim 10, wherein the faucet spout has an attachment end and an outlet end, and further comprising:

a circumferential groove about the attachment end of the faucet spout, and

an attachment screw, extending through the faucet body and engaging the faucet spout within the circumferential groove, such that the attachment screw prevents significant vertical movement of the faucet spout, but allows rotational movement of the spout.

12. (New) The mixing faucet as described in Claim 11, wherein the slide handle has a top surface and a bottom surface, and further comprising:

a slotted opening along the bottom surface of the slide handle, the slotted opening being adapted to receive the second end of the projecting arm.

13. (New) The mixing faucet as described in Claim 12, wherein the second end of the projecting arm is rounded and sized so as to be secured within the slotted opening of the slide handle.

14. (New) The mixing faucet as described in Claim 13, wherein the valve spindle may only be inserted in a specific angular orientation to the faucet body, such that as the handle slide is moved from the first open position to the second closed position, the valve spindle is rotated through ninety (90) degrees from the first open position to the second closed position.

15. (New) The mixing faucet as described in Claim 14, wherein the faucet body contains a circular depression on its top surface around the faucet spout, and further comprising:

a circular cover cap adapted to fit within the circular depression on the top surface of the faucet body; and

a sealing gasket disposed beneath the circular cover cap.

16. (New) The mixing faucet as described in Claim 9, wherein a first handle slide operates the valve spindle for controlling the cold water flow, and a second handle slide operates the